

Bailey Road School Newsletter: # 28.



TERM 3 Wednesday 9 September 2015:

A fale for Bailey Road School.

Bailey Road School enjoys a community of over 18 different ethnicities. I remember looking at the school grounds and buildings when I arrived nearly 3 years ago and thinking that our environment did not reflect our students backgrounds. In 2013 we commenced art displays around the school to change this and this continues this term with our Trash to Treasure Art Show in Term 4. We would also like to build a fale in the junior school area. I need lots of help and call our Samoan families to have a meeting to see what is possible on Wednesday 23rd September, PTA Meeting at 6.00pm. How could we get started? What design will we follow?

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Survey:

Parents of students in Years 6-8 are aware that Bailey Road School is organising two digital classes for 2016. One class at a Year 6 Level and one class at a Year 7-8 level as an ongoing trial.

This is NOT compulsory it is perfectly voluntary whether families purchase a device for their child or not. Bailey Road School will continue to purchase devices for students to use. The difference is that we can only supply one device to approximately every four students. We believe our senior students would learn better if they all has their own device and we simply could not afford to provide every child with their own device.

So, families are invited to purchase a device for their Year 6-8 student for the 2016 school year. Through our partners Noel Leeming in Sylvia Park Mall, parents can purchase a device outright, pay the device off over a 12-24 month period or lease a device from them.

Our debate is what is the best device whanau need to purchase for their children. There are many devices that other schools are using, i-pads, Chrome Books and Samsung Tablets in particular. We wish to have the ONE device that all our students will use and that our Year 8 students can take on to High School in 2017+.

As an Apple School, Bailey Road is focusing upon an i-pad. But is this what our community favours?

Noel Leeming Staff inform us that they provide i-pads and Chrome Books to schools at a 50 / 50 ratio across New Zealand.

As the majority of our students graduate to One Tree Hill or Edgewater College, we are in discussion with these two schools. Edgewater College would prefer our students to arrive with a ChromeBook and One Tree Hill College accepts any device.

To help make the appropriate decision, The Board of Trustees has asked me to survey our community for their ideas and opinions.

I invite all of our community whether their child is in Year 1 or Year 8 to have their say about our Digital Directions and their choice of device for student use both at Bailey Road School and for schooling beyond our boundaries by completing the survey attached with this newsletter.

Please see my BLOG this week if you would prefer to do this survey on-line. www.baileyroad.school.nz Principal's BLOG.

I am excited about the Innovative Learning Spaces we are creating at Bailey Road School through our Building Refurbishments and our plans for teaching our students in 21st Century settings.

Can I please urge whanau to return their surveys to school by Wednesday 16 September so I can collate the results for the Board of Trustee meeting on Monday 21 September!

WSB Disco: (Reminder)

A reminder that the Walking School Bus Drivers are holding a fund-raiser on Thursday 17 September. We start with the Juniors Rm 2 to 10 in the 1st block. Rooms 17 to 22 will have their disco in the 2nd block and Seniors Rm 11 to Rm 16 will dance and jive in the 3rd block of the day.

The cost of entry is \$1.00. If your child wishes to wear mufti to school next Thursday that will also cost \$1.00.

Icies and Glow bands are also available at the disco for \$1.00 each.

Student Safety:

I have had several parents express concern about other parents parking across the footpath at Gate 2. This causes a problem with visibility and students crossing at this point can not see cars exiting the car park.

I have asked Mr Talo to cone off and secure this area by the house where the large dog lives opposite the church.

Please do NOT park in this space henceforth.

A reminder that some parents may wish to consider registering their car with the Catholic Church and utilise the availability of their parking spaces.

Upcoming Events:

*Wednesday 9 September-Stepping Out Programme for the Rata team- Safe walking.

*Rata Zoo Trips = Wed 9 September Rooms 2-6-7

*Rata Zoo Trip = Thursday 10 September Rooms 3-8-9 and New Entrant -Jessop House students.

*Friday 11 September Friends of Sharks Talk Years 3-8 - Hall from 9.00-10.30am.

*Friday 11 September Karaka team Assembly -2.15pm.

*Thursday 17 September- WSB Disco \$1.00 Entry, \$1.00 Mufti.

*Friday 18 September- Performing Arts visit to Retirement Villages.



Property Refurbishments Updates:

The refurbishment of Rooms 11-12-13 and the library are nearing completion. At this stage they should be completed in a fortnight and the new wall coverings and carpets should be laid in the final week of our Term 3. Monday 21-25 September. We have our fingers crossed that our Year 7-8 students will be able to return to their classes before the end of the term. The builders are telling us that they will be commencing on the new library deck soon so our students will need to stay away from that area for 3-4 weeks. We are expecting our new library shelves to arrive in the final week of the term as well. Remember that the library will not open until 2016 as the builders still need to refurbish the computer suite, the old library offices and old uniform shop before this area is open for use.

Fun Run Money:

Can we ask that all Fun Run Money is returned to school this week please? Prizes will be awarded at this week's assembly

Car Booster Seats:

Some of you may know that I'm in the school from time to time running the Stepping Out, safe walking and safe passenger program. I also train the School Traffic Safety Team.

It has come to my attention recently that a large number of children that are being driven to school are not in booster seats. It is the law that children up to the age of 7 must be in an approved child restraint. The design of vehicle safety belts are made specifically to fit adults and not children and in a crash they can cause life threatening injuries to the soft abdominal area, as well as to the child's face and neck resulting in permanent disabilities if the child survives. The risk of death and hospitalization can be reduced by up to 59% by using a booster seat! So please for the sake of our lovely children let's get them in a booster seat. Plunket have very good deals and if you have a community services card they do even better deals.

Your School Community Officer,
Constable Cyrus Warwick-Ching

Rata Team:

We are very excited about our upcoming trips to the zoo this week. Room 7 has been working on the differences between "thin questions" (simple, easy to answer) and "thick questions" (deeper and more complicated). These are some of the questions we will be trying to answer on our trip.

"Why do leopards need warm fur if they live in warm places?"
Lennox

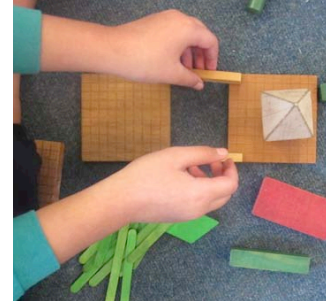
"Why do narwhals need a big horn?" Frances

"Why do flamingos turn pink or white depending on their food?" Alyssa

"Why do tigers need stripes?" Danero

Karaka Team:

This term we have been studying Geometry in maths. From shapes and symmetry to translation and rotation, we've looked at how geometric shapes can be compared, counted, moved and even made into pictures! Soon we will be moving on to Algebra, where we'll be learning all about how to solve tricky questions.



Kowhai Team:Trash to Treasure

Kowhai students busy trying to put all trash into treasure. Thanks to Tracey Patana a parent who has kindly given up her precious time to share her talents with us. Watch for some



awesome sculptures in our gardens made out of trash.

Rimu Team:



On Thursday 3rd September Room 11 had a visitor from Future in Tech www.futureintech.org.nz Ben O'Brien, an engineer, owner and innovator. His business is <http://stretchsense.com> Scan this code to visit website Inline images 3



He came along to speak to our Rimu learners for them to be exposed to careers linked with STEM (Science, Maths, Engineering and Technology). Scan this QR code to see what the Learners of Room 11 have to say about their learning during the visit Inline images 2

The QR Bar code scanner is a free App you can download from the playstore on a smartphone or mobile tablet.